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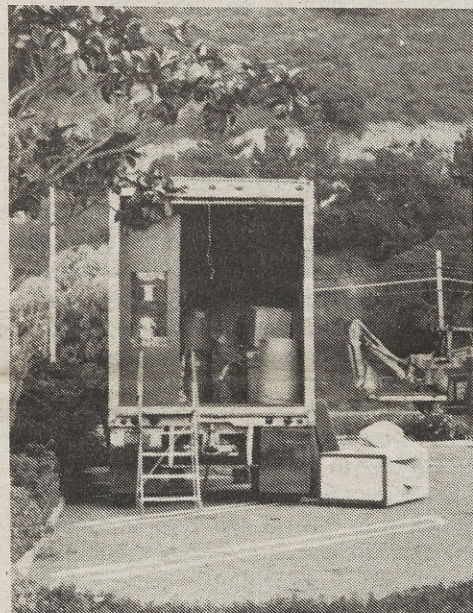
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The Spirit of Christmas is in the air at Mid Valley Shopping Center as the CV Kiwanis Club opens its Christmas Tree Lot (top), and the Goodwill Trailer (bottom left) opens its doors wide for donations. Across the street Shasta daisies (bottom, right) ignore the calendar and bloom happily.

Water Use Surges, Nears Allocation Limit

By Dick Heuer

"A significant and alarming increase in County water consumption" has prompted a warning letter to the Board of Supervisors from Bruce Buel, General Manager of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

The letter advised that during September and October, metered Cal-Am water sales increased by 130.58 acre feet as compared with the previous year. This brings the County to within 273.17 acre feet, or 4.47 percent, of its 5838.03 acre foot allocation limit. Continuation of this rate of increase would soon put the County over its allocation.

The Water Management District's rules require that it stop approving new water connections in any jurisdiction that exceeds its water allocation. At the December 1 Board of Supervisors meeting, County staff was directed to develop an alert system to ensure that the allocation is not exceeded.

The County's allocation covers the unincorporated area of the County that is within the Water Management District boundaries. This is principally Carmel Valley, areas surrounding Carmel-by-the-Sea, the Highlands, Pebble Beach, and the Del Monte area east of Monterey. Each of the six cities within the Water Management District has its own water allocation.

During much of this year, water consumption in the unincorporated County area has been increasing at a much faster rate than in the rest of the water district. During September and October, County consumption increased by 11.9 percent over the same months of 1986, as compared with only a 1.2 percent increase for the remainder of the Water Management District. Information on November water usage will become available about December 10.

According to Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman, the water now remaining within the County's allocation is not sufficient to provide water for existing lots of record and projects already approved or under construction. "The County has dipped heavily into water allocated to legal lots of record. We can't meet our past commit-

ments let alone set priorities for new development," she said.

Strasser Kauffman described the skyrocketing water consumption as "truly alarming." She added, "We are in much worse shape than anticipated, considering our active water conservation efforts." In December 1986, the County passed an ordinance that requires installation of water-saving plumbing fixtures whenever a home or business is sold.

At Strasser Kauffman's request, the Water Management District has identified the

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types of uses and geographic areas where water consumption is climbing faster than others. Bruce Buel, General Manager of the District, was scheduled to report his findings to the Board of Supervisors on December 8.

As of the Sun's press deadline, Buel was planning to tell the supervisors that 62 percent of the increased usage during September and October was in Pebble Beach. Carmel Valley and portions of Greater Carmel served by the Carmel Sanitary District accounted for 25 percent of the increase.

Over 50 percent of the increase was from watering of golf courses, much of it presumably at Spanish Bay. Watering of Carmel Valley golf courses does not count against the allocation, as this is done with private wells rather than Cal-Am water.

According to Buel, several programs are underway to alleviate current water shortages. Water conservation kits will be distributed to all households in the district starting in February. The kits consist of low-flow shower heads, toilet dams and faucet aerators. Assistance will be available as needed to install these items.

A project to provide reclaimed water for use on golf courses in Pebble Beach, including Spanish Bay, has been tentatively approved and is now planned to come on line in June 1989.

Village Pathway Project Receives Partial Funding

A pedestrian pathway through the business area of Carmel Valley Village has been talked about for over 20 years. Now, it may become a reality. The Board of Supervisors on December 1 approved an allocation of \$10,000 from funds raised through hotel occupancy taxes to help pay for the \$45,120 project.

The four-foot wide pathway would run from Ford Road to Esquiline Road. Between Ford and Pilot Roads, it would be on the north side of Carmel Valley Road; from Pilot to Esquiline, on the south side. It would be of rolled decomposed granite or asphalt, as appropriate to match existing pathway segments.

The Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee developed the pathway plan and presented it for funding to the county's Overall Economic Development Commission. Although originally turned down by the commission, an appeal to the Board of Supervisors on December 1 resulted in the \$10,000 allocation.

The Overall Economic Development Commission handles the distribution of part of the money the county collects from hotel occupancy taxes. It makes grants for economic development and tourist promo-

tion projects according to criteria established by the supervisors.

The Village Improvement Committee requested \$35,640 for the program. The equivalent of another \$9,480 is expected to come from volunteer labor and materials provided by Valley businesses and a \$2,000 donation from the Village Improvement Committee.

Since the Overall Economic Development Commission approved only \$10,000, the Village Improvement Committee will now be seeking other matching funds, according to Glen Gurries who chairs the committee's pathway program.

Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman told the Sun that the project might qualify for funds for the handicapped, as it will greatly benefit Rippling River residents. There is also a special portion of the road fund that might pay part of the cost if a bike path is included.

Gurries said his committee chose a pathway rather than a sidewalk because it is more in keeping with the Village's rural character. In some areas it will meander rather than be straight. Once the pathway is in, the committee's next project will be

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Richard Gibson: Dancer, Teacher, Philosopher

By Grace Darcy

Most of us take time to plan our careers, but Richard Gibson, the new director of the Hidden Valley Dance Center, made the decision to dance when he was fourteen.

"It was a serious decision, but it had to be made," Gibson said. "I was the youngest of eight children, and because of that, I wasn't pushed. I came to the decision on my own."

Gibson was born into a family that nurtured and inspired his leap into the dance. His father danced with the Chicago Opera in the 1920s, and later had his own vaudeville act. His mother was an accomplished pianist.

"My family was music and theatre oriented," Gibson said, "and my life was never boring."

"I really wanted to dance," he said. "I saw a ballet performance, and the bells started ringing. I realized that the training from my father was not strong enough. What I had been taught didn't reach what I saw on stage."

Richard Gibson left home at fifteen to go to a professional dance school. "It was quite a decision for my parents and for me," he recalled, "but one that I have never regretted."

His early classical ballet training took place in the San Francisco area where he studied under Olga Ziceva, Guillermo del Oro, and with the San Francisco Ballet school. Later, in New York, he studied with Robert Joffrey, Valentina Perjaslavic,

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LETTERS

In Memoriam

The day after Thanksgiving, Theta Logan died peacefully in her sleep after suffering a stroke two days earlier. She had just spent three weeks with us, choosing to celebrate her seventy-ninth birthday here, before returning to Corona Del Mar, where she had an apartment near two of her four children and their families. Theta had lived many years in Carmel Valley and called it home, also. Rippling River, where she was involved in social events and resident committees, provided the independence she treasured.

Fifteen years ago, Theta came into my life as the mother of the man I was to marry. Her unconditional acceptance of me and my two small children will always be appreciated. Her zest for life, despite physical handicaps, an example for all around her. After an active life as the sole provider for four children, first as an interior decorator, and then as a pioneer in child care, Theta's talent for art and love of bridge kept her occupied. Always there with a good word or kind deed, she brought sunshine to those around her. So, we send her on her way with kind thoughts, grateful that her passing was easy. Many will miss her.

Illia Thompson

Thanks to Linda

Dear Linda who had two cats: You were so brave Saturday night in Carmel Valley. A car had hit a cat in the road and had driven away from the suffering, dying animal. You stopped, overcame your fear and panic and lifted the bleeding cat to the side of the road and wanted to administer some first aid.

You shared with us your disgust for people who drive off leaving creatures to suffer so terribly and your thankfulness that your own cats were safely at home.

The world should have more people like you.

Brit Broach Bathurst

Mea Culpa!

Now that the fabulous world class Spanish Bay resort is open, I'm looking forward to spending many evenings lounging at the new lodge. I'm even taking up golfing this summer and I want to be the new "Pro" at the fabulous Spanish Bay golf course.

I sincerely regret being misled by the other people who deliberately brainwashed me into saying all of those terrible things about the gregarious philanthropic devel-

opers. And I'm genuinely sorry about filing all those recall petitions for the Governor and for all of those Supreme Judges of California. I wish I never tried to sue Twentieth Century Fox and the Pebble Beach Company and I wish that I could undo all of the things that my group of mercenaries did. Everytime I see some developers staring at me with those blank ignorant faces, I realize that I shouldn't have said that the developers were ruining the Monterey Peninsula.

Assemblyman Sam Farr is a very good representative for the caliber of the masses around here, and I wish I never filed any recall petitions for Sam Farr. I turned over a new leaf, and now I think that the hotel convention center at the Asilomar State Park is wonderful. I always enjoyed watching the common peon workers run around the State Park busily earning their minimal wages.

I'm sorry about helping Timothy Grady run for Mayor of Carmel-By-The-Sea, and now that I've seen the errors of my ways, I want to repent. I wasn't completely to blame because many of the shallow mentalities in Carmel influenced me into doing what I did. I was only partly to blame and I think that most of the blame should go to those phony idealists who misguided us with all of that BS about egalitarian principles. I want to be part of the status quo again and I promise to stop voting, stop running for public office, and stop filing recalls for back-stabbing politicians like Sam Farr.

The developers won fair-and-square and next, when I ask these nice guys for a job in the construction of these wonderful projects, I hope that they let me work with the scab labor they scrounge up.

I'm in favor of building a new dam now.
Michael Bogatirev

Joleen Thanks Supporters

The Miss Rodeo California competition in Brawley was tough, with sixteen young ladies, but successful. I received the Congeniality Award and the Judges' Spirit Award of Sportsmanship, with Chrissy Sparling of Salinas crowned as the 1988 Miss Rodeo California. With Chrissy, California has a very good chance of winning at the Miss Rodeo America finals in Nevada in December 1988, so good luck, Chrissy!

I want to recognize the following businesses and friends for their sponsorship: Sheriff Posse Grounds, Russ Murray's Tree Service, Monterey Coast Savings and Loans, Michael Marquard Real Estate, Oak Deli, Carmel Valley Construction, Carmel Valley Kiwanis, Mid-Counties Association for the Deaf, Valley Plastering, Jim McCabe, Valley Oaks Travel, Quota Club, Will's Fargo Restaurant, M.J. Murphy's Lumber, Mid Valley Mobil, Corner Coffee Shop, Sweet Retreat, J B Heating, Village Cabinet Co., Village Center, Chatterbox, Sun Valley Realty, Los Laureles Lodge, Alan Cosseboom C.P.A., Devannie's Hair Design, Stew's Plumbing, Carmel Valley Village Market,

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Also, thank you, Mrs. Brockman, Brenda Clough, Debbie Pedranzzi, John Bailey, Diane McKenzie, Winchester's Western Wear, and my family for all of your moral support and donations.

Finally, a special thank-you is for my interpreter and friend, Darlene Paul, who did a beautiful job on interpreting this pageant. I really appreciated all of your support!!! Smiles,

Joleen D. Lambert

Editor's Note:

In the *Sun's* last issue, a paragraph in Rod Mills' letter was incorrectly typeset. Printed below is the correct paragraph. Please accept our apologies.

"The objection to bike use was the danger to other park users on these trails which are steep, narrow and have many blind curves — NOT because of trail destruction. Teachers leading school children on nature hikes, hikers and equestrians were justifiably concerned with the possibility of meeting head-on a downhill ridden mountain bike rounding a blind curve."

MPC Chorus Performs

The Monterey Peninsula College Chorus and Chamber Singers will present a free concert on Sunday, December 13, at 3 p.m., at the first Presbyterian Church of Monterey. The conductor is Dr. Sal Ferrantelli. Accompanist is Camille Olata. Selections include the *Magnificat Anima Mea* by Bach; *Glory to God* by Handel; *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place* by Brahms; Benjamin Britten; Negro Spirituals; Christmas selections and Renaissance Pieces. Featured soloists are Susan Hoffman, Andrea Dell'omo, and the Re-freshmen. Guest soloist is Susan Gonzales. For information, please call 646-4208 or 646-4201.

YWCA Holiday Open House

The YWCA of the Monterey Peninsula invites the community to celebrate the holidays at its annual Holiday Open House on December 11, from 5 - 7 p.m.

This holiday celebration is one way in which the YWCA shows its appreciation and thanks to the community for all their support during the past year. Refreshments will be served and all are invited.

For more information, contact the YWCA at 649-0834.

Story Teller at Library

Carmel Valley Library invites all Carmel Valley children for holiday stories told by super storyteller Shelly Cullin on Wednesday, December 16th 3:30 sharp. Come early. For details, call 659-2377.

Chapel Guild Plans Annual Christmas Tea

The December meeting of the CV Community Chapel Guild will be held on Wednesday December 9 at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at the chapel. It will be the Guild's annual Christmas Tea with hostesses Phyllis Schultz, Harriet Busick and Jean Stekly presiding.

Steven Tosh will help set the Christmas mood with carols and songs. Bring a guest, anyone is invited. For information call 659-2278.

Hanukkah Begins December 16

As Christians gather in churches throughout the world to celebrate the birth of Jesus, so Jews gather to celebrate their lovely holiday, Hanukkah, the Feast of Lights.

Hanukkah symbolizes freedom from oppression, and is an eight day long festival commemorating the Jewish victory over the Syrians and Greeks who, under Antiochus Epiphanes, attempted to eradicate Judaism.

History tells us that an old priest, Mattathias of Modin, started the Jewish revolt, and that the revolt continued under the leadership of Mattathias's son, Judas Maccabaeus. In B.C. 164 (the 25th of Kislev, according to the Jewish calendar), three years after the Temple had been defiled, Judas Maccabaeus, with a small army of Jewish soldiers, victoriously entered Jerusalem and reclaimed the Temple, then cleansed, repaired, and rededicated it.

According to tradition, in B.C. 164, one of the priests found a cruse of unpolluted oil and, with this oil, the Temple candles were replenished. It is told that this small amount of oil miraculously increased so that it lasted eight days, thus the prescribed length of Hanukkah festivities.

On the first day of Hanukkah, sham-mash, the prominent branch of the Hanukkah Menorah, is lighted. Sham-mash is usually the tallest of the Menorah branches and is in the center. From it, each of the other branches is lighted on successive days, until all are lit.

This year, sham-mash will be lighted on December 16, and the final candle lit on December 23, 1987. For all who celebrate this lovely feast, Happy Hanukkah!



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Village Master Planners Weigh Sign Standards, Building Size

Sign standards and the height and bulk of commercial buildings were considered by the Carmel Valley Village Master Plan Committee at its monthly public meeting on December 1.

Robert Heald, Chief of the Carmel Valley Fire Protection District, made his initial appearance as a member of the committee. He was appointed by the Planning Commission to replace Lou Allaire, who resigned.

The committee discussed policies to govern the size, location, materials and other characteristics of commercial signs in the Village. No firm decisions were made, but discussion focused on limiting sign size to either 30 or 36 square feet.

Committee member Peter Coakley recommended considering the concept of cluster signing at strategic intersections in the Village. A cluster sign is a single sign listing the names of a number of different businesses. Coakley's idea was that such signs would help people find businesses located off of Carmel Valley Road. They would also help the businesses and prevent a proliferation of individual signs on the main road.

This suggestion provoked lengthy discussion of the committee's charter. Should it only refine or also recommend changes to the Carmel Valley Master Plan? The master plan states "no off-site outdoor advertising is allowed in the Plan area."

A cluster sign on Carmel Valley Road pointing to businesses off of Carmel Valley Road would be off-site advertising prohibited by the plan. Or would it? Ruth Pryer, speaking as a member of the public, noted a possible distinction between advertising and directional signs.

The sign pointing to Robles del Rio Lodge, located on Carmel Valley Road at the intersection of Esquiline Road, is an example of an off-site sign. No one at the meeting objected to this sign, but it was generally agreed that a proliferation of such signs pointing to businesses located off of the Valley Road would be offensive unless they were grouped together in a single, attractive cluster sign.

No decision was made to either encourage or prohibit cluster signs. There was considerable uncertainty both on the committee and among the public. Richard Rosenthal expressed opposition to the cluster sign concept, especially the idea of having such signs at almost every intersection in the commercial core of the Village.

Policies limiting the size of commercial buildings were also considered. The master plan limits building height to 35 feet. The committee believes a 26 foot limit is more appropriate for the Village. This effectively limits commercial buildings to

two stories.

Existing zoning ordinances limit the "footprint" of commercial buildings to a maximum of 25 percent of the lot area. The committee did not perceive any need to change this or to add another criterion relating the square footage of the floor area to the size of the lot.

The committee also reviewed previous discussions of lighting and setbacks. This prompted Richard Rosenthal to ask the committee to get more public input before making decisions.

Rosenthal wants a questionnaire sent to citizens of the community to learn their desires and expectations concerning traffic, noise, lighting and zoning. In response to a request from Roger Williams, temporary committee chairman for December, Rosenthal agreed to take a first cut at drafting such a questionnaire.

Next public meeting of the Village Master Plan Committee will be held January 5, at 7 p.m. in the Activity Center next to the Community Center. Tentative agenda for discussion includes the interface and integration between the commercial and residential areas, and traffic and pedestrian circulation.

CVPOA Meeting Scheduled

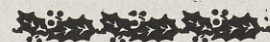
The next meeting of the CVPOA Board of Directors will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9, at St. Dunstan's Church, Carmel Valley.

The Agenda includes Vice-President's Report; Roads and Trails; Land Use; Waste Water; Meetings; Water Management; Village Improvement, and Membership.

For information, please call 659-4744.

Artists' Guild to Hold First Meeting

The Carmel Valley Artists Guild will hold its first meeting on Wednesday December 16 at 2 p.m. at the Iron Kettle in White Oak Plaza. All Carmel artists are welcome. For information, call Rodger Weeks, 659-2567.



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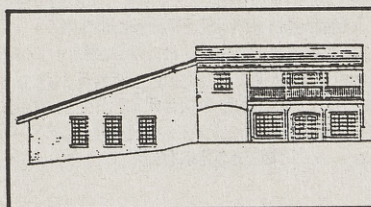
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SHERIFF'S LOG

THEFTS AND NEAR THEFTS

FROM SCRATCH, THE BARNYARD. Owner reports attempted burglary. 11/20.

MIRAMONTE RD. Resident reports someone entered her converted garage during the night and took several small items. No value given. 11/24.

VERDE'S UPHOLSTERY, CV VILLAGE. Owner reports that, during the night, someone entered his shop through the rear and removed cash and some tools. No value given. Requests area check during the night shifts for a while. 11/25.

CACHAGUA RD. Resident reports theft of bicycle from his residence. No value given. 11/29.

MID VALLEY LAUNDROMAT. Carmel man reports his wallet taken from the Laundromat. Contains driver's license and \$55 cash. 12/1.

TASSAJARA RD. Resident report his house entered and battery stolen from his car. No value given. (Which room was the car in?) 12/3.

THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT

CARMEL KNOLLS. Resident reports hearing noises behind his house. 11/25.

LUPIN LANE. Woman reports hearing her ex-husband's vehicle driving past her house in violation of restraining order. Husband not in vehicle. (Poltergeists?) 11/29.

THE YOUNGER GENERATION

LONG'S DRUGS, THE CROSSROADS. Assistant manager reports two juveniles in custody for shoplifting. Released into their parents' custody. 11/24.

ON LOVING THY NEIGHBOR

VIA SERRANO. Resident reports problem with neighbors riding dirt bikes on their property during the day. 11/21.

CARMEL VALLEY (No place indicated). Carmel Valley man reports receiving annoying phone calls from another Carmel Valley man. 11/22.

RIO RD. Resident reports having problem with Marina man over payment for mechanical work on car. 11/23.

ESQUILINE RD. Resident reports subject wandering through the area. Contacted

male with no address. Transported out of area. 11/28.

VILLAGE CENTER. Merchant reports someone filling his dumpster with their trash. 11/28.

CLUB PL. Woman asked for stand-by while she picked up some of her property. 11/29.

CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL. Two males observed driving on school grounds. Subjects cited. 11/29.

PILOT RD. at DEL FINO, CV VILLAGE. Two males in civil dispute over one wrecking the other's car sometime in the past. 11/29.

CARMEL VALLEY AIRPORT. CV man reports having a problem with a motorcyclist at airport. (Trying to take off in his motorcycle, perhaps.) 12/3.

CARMEL VALLEY RD. Resident reports Chevy Luv pickup parked in the driveway of his residence. Vehicle was moved. 12/2.

CARMEL VALLEY RD. Pacific Grove man reports subject jumped from his moving vehicle on Carmel Valley Rd. Not injured, and ran off. Just before jumping, subject threatened to commit suicide. Cannot be found. 12/2.

FOR BETTER...OR WORSE

CARMEL VALLEY RD. Man reports that his ex-wife lied about her salary on an Income and Expense Declaration she filed with the Court during a child support hearing. (Poor baby!) 11/23.

COLT LANE. Resident reports her ex-husband was violating a Court order by not returning their son to her house after he spent the weekend with him. 11/29.

TELERANA WAY. Resident reports his ex-girl friend and her new boy friend came to his house and threw a chair into the garage window. (There must be some kind of message here.) 12/3.

GOING TO THE DOGS

LAKE'S BOOK SHOP, THE CROSSROADS. Clerk reports being bitten by dog owned by Pacific Grove man. 11/21.

SCHULTE RD. Resident called to report that a neighbor's vicious dog had attempted to attack his six year old son. 11/27.

CANADA DR. Resident reports neighbor's dog has been running loose and attacking kids in the area. Owner contacted and told to secure animal. 12/2.

SHOPLIFTING

CROSSROADS SAFEWAY. Night manager reports white female adult in custody for shoplifting. Carmel woman cited and released. 12/2.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

PRADO DEL SOL. Four year old boy reports his father left him alone in the house. Father had gone next door for a minute. Boy had been taught to dial 911. 11/26.

LOWER CIRCLE. Man called to report his parents were arguing over his sister's plans to run away. She agreed to wait until Monday and discuss the matter with Probation. 11/26.

CHECK AND DOUBLE CHECK

ESQUILINE RD. Owner of auto repair shop reports bad checks and embezzlement. No amount given. 12/1.

VANDALISM

LEKER'S INTERIORS, CARMEL RANCHO. Owner reports that, during the night, someone pulled two lemon plants out of their pots and threw them on the sidewalk in front of the store. 11/21.

GARZAS RD. Resident reports three cut tires on his vehicle. 11/26.

VIA MALLORCA. Resident reports that, while she was away, the sliding door on the south side of her house was broken. 11/26.

DE TRAVERSIA. Resident reports someone broke out the rear passenger window of his parent's van sometime during the weekend. 11/29.

ROBLES DEL RIO. Resident reports auto hit a post and broke it and two others off at the ground. 11/29.

OPEN AND SHUT CASES

CARMEL CENTER PL. Mobile Security reports two windows open at Carmel Board of Realtors' office. Windows weren't open, just unlocked. 11/21.

GREAT SCOTT PIZZA, THE CROSSROADS. Mobile Security reports open door in rear of pizza parlor. 11/26.

GOING TO POT

THE CROSSROADS. Mobile Security reports suspicious person in rear of Shopping Center. Salinas man found to be in possession of approximately 100 grams of marijuana packaged in ten baggies. Arrested and transported to County Jail for possession and sales. 11/20.

ONE (OR MORE) TOO MANY

HIGHWAY ONE & CV RD. Patrol observation of wrong-way driver at above intersection. Pacific Palisades man arrested for driving under the influence. 11/22.

CV RD. & ROBINSON CYN. Seaside man arrested for public intoxication while at the scene of traffic accident. 11/25.

ROBINSON CYN near CV RD. Anonymous report of two females arguing. Deputies located two sisters drinking and arguing. Taken home by San Carlos Ranch employee. (Hic!) 12/2.

STRANGER THAN FICTION?

LOS LAURELES GRADE & CV RD. Carmel woman reports having found a purse and two wallets at above location. 11/26.

Obituary

Adrienne B. Engle

Adrienne Bancker Engle, 82, of Carmel Valley, a homemaker and conservationist, died recently at her home.

Born July 20, 1905, in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mrs. Engle was a Monterey County resident for 37 years and a Carmel Valley resident for the past 12 years.

She was a graduate of Smith College and studied acting and stageset design at the Hedgerow Theater in Pennsylvania and at the Pasadena Playhouse.

Mrs. Engle was a member of the Rancho Canada Women's Golf Club board, a member of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, the Cousteau Society, the Sierra Club and other conservation groups.

She and her children designed a series of colorfully painted seasonal signs that have been displayed on Carmel Valley Road at Phelps Lane on major holidays for several years.

Mrs. Engle is survived by a daughter, Kaaren of Maui, Hawaii; a son, Christopher of Carmel Valley; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Peter, died in 1973. Another daughter, Joan Snow, died in 1981.

Private cremation took place under direction of the Paul Mortuary.

The family prefers that any memorial contributions be sent to the donor's favorite charity.

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The ceremony will take place at the mouth of the Carmel River near the Carmel Mission, a place sacred to native Americans. This is probably the first ceremony that has taken place here in the last 200 years and will begin on Saturday, December 19 at 8 a.m. when a lodge will be erected and a fire built.

The sweat lodge purification will start around 12 p.m. and continue until sunset. On Sunday, the ceremonies will begin at day break and end around noon. Following native American tradition, menstruating and pregnant women are allowed in the lodge. Please bring a bathing suit, towel, thongs or sandals.

There is a suggested \$20 tax deductible donation to Earth Circle Association.

For more information call 659-0433.

KSK Birthday Party Starts Election Fund

Over 350 friends and supporters packed the Willow Restaurant November 23 to wish Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman a happy birthday -- and to donate funds toward next year's election campaign.

The emphasis was social rather than political, but the \$25 per head party raised over \$10,000 for the campaign kitty. Strasser Kauffman has long said that she loves her job and plans to run for re-election.

The primary election is June 1988. If any candidate gains a majority of the vote in the primary, that is the final election. If not, the winner is decided in a run-off election in November 1988.

The party was not the kickoff of her election campaign, Strasser Kauffman said. The campaign will not start until next year, but the birthday fund-raiser will ensure that it is adequately financed from the beginning.

All facilities and food for the party were donated by local restaurants. Members of the Birthday Party Committee that organized the very successful event were Jim Josoff, Harold Ragan, Joan DeMers, Richard Kezirian, Paul Woudenberg and Diana Jacobson.

CUSD Gets Grant

The Carmel Unified School District was awarded a grant from the State of California to help subsidize Before and After School Care. Many parents may qualify for a reduced fee for their child, kindergarten through 8th grade.

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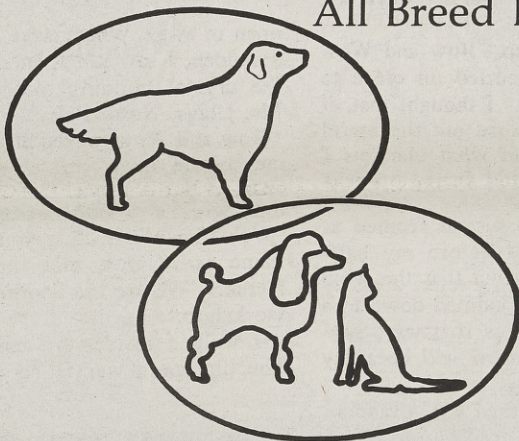
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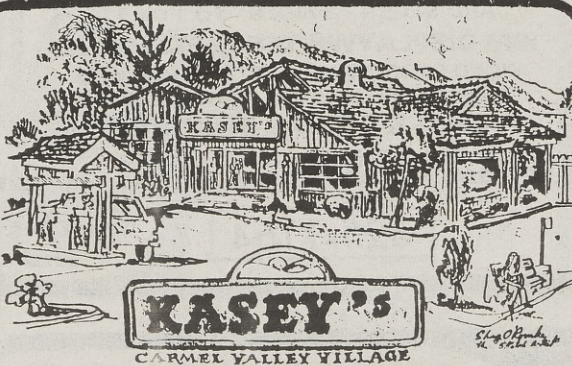
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Trip To The North Pole A Christmas Report

Sun Editor Visits Santa and Ms. Claus

By Grace Darcy

The press release from the Community Center said that Santa and Ms. Claus would fly into Carmel Valley Airport at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 12.

"What if I could get an interview with them," I mused. "I'd like to take a quick trip to the North Pole!" Publisher Dick Heuer agreed that an interview with Santa and Ms. Claus would be a wonderful "scoop" for the *Sun*, and the next day, I was in an airplane on my way to Barrow, Alaska, where I would rent a dog sled team for the rest of the trip to the North Pole.

At Barrow, I was disappointed that no one knew precisely where Santa lived. "Oh, they're somewhere up there by the North Pole," one old fellow told me, "but no one knows just where. Guess you'll just have to look around."

Look around! After traveling thousands of miles, that's the best advice I got. Brrr! It's cold in Alaska any time, but this time of the year, it was so cold the air crackled around me.



I went into a trading post to ask where I could rent a dog sled team, and which was the quickest way to the North Pole. I had a deadline to meet; I had to be back in Carmel Valley in a few days.

A nice, old Eskimo woman arranged for me to use her dog sled and team. I expected a team of perhaps eight or ten dogs; she brought out a rickety sled to which two old Malamutes were loosely tethered. The woman assured me, waving her arms to emphasize her words, that these were the best sled dogs in the area, and because I had little choice, I agreed to rent them from her.

I purchased provisions — blankets, matches, food for the dogs and for me, a very warm parka, lots of warm, woolen socks, several pairs of gloves, a lightweight tent, several thermoses of hot tea, and I was, I thought, ready.

Some of the villagers came to see me off. They waved enthusiastically, and I think they were wishing me luck. Perhaps they

really were saying, "What a crazy lady; two dogs and a sled and she thinks she's going to get to the North Pole."

The first day was uneventful. The two dogs, named Bow and Wow, seemed to know what they were doing. They mushed on with great confidence — a confidence, incidentally, that I did not share — and I had no choice but to trust them. Toward the end of the day, it began to snow. At first, there were just a few flurries, but as the day wore on, Bow and Wow slowed



down as the snow flurries turned into a first class blizzard.

The snow was so heavy, the wind so fierce, that neither Bow, nor Wow, nor I knew where we were going. I never did know where I was going, but this was the first time the dogs were confused. We had to stop for the night, at least.

Clumsily, I unpacked the tent and, after what seemed hours, had it in place. I opened the dog food to feed Bow and Wow, who had been standing by eagerly awaiting some tangible proof of my appreciation for their having led me this far. After eating, we squeezed into the little tent. All three of us shivered; the cold penetrated to our bones. The wind howled and screamed like a wounded banshee, and at times I think I shivered as much from fear as I did from the cold. I wondered if we'd ever see daybreak alive.

I decided to try to sleep. Bow and Wow already were snoozing, curled up close to each other to keep warm. I thought that, if I could sleep, I would close out the awful sound of the wind. I put what blankets I had over all three of us and curled up next to my two furry friends.

I must have dozed, because it seemed as though hours had passed before my half-awake mind grasped the fact that the wind no longer howled but had calmed down to a pleasant whisper. It was as if it were saying, "Sleep, sleep. Tomorrow will be a day filled with wonder and joy."

I grunted at what I assumed was a random thought entering my tired mind, and

shortly fell into a deep, dreamless sleep. Bow's and Wow's snoring the last sounds that registered in my consciousness.

Some time later, I awoke with a start. Bow and Wow awakened at the same time, their ears alert, picking up the same sounds I was hearing. I thought I heard voices! Incredible! Here? Couldn't be! There's nothing here but snow and ice and cold, and more snow and ice and cold. Yet, there were sounds...who — or what — could be out there?

Bow and Wow began to wag their tails. I figured that was a good sign; if something bad was outside, they would growl, wouldn't they? They got to their feet and looked at me, as if to say, "Well, why don't we go outside?" I looked at them and said, "You two are out of your minds."

We couldn't stay inside the tent forever, and it was bright daylight outside. I cautiously pulled open the flap of the tent and peeked out. I was trying to be stealthy, but Bow and Wow would not hear of it and, as if at a signal, they knocked me over and ran outside, barking — happily, I thought.

I had no choice but to follow, so I crawled out of the tent, my heart beating like a triphammer, my mind plotting how to escape whatever awaited me in that desolate, snow covered land.

As I stood up, I was aware that the sun was shining brightly, making the snow appear as if it were frosted with diamonds. I lifted my head and gasped! There, a few steps away, was the most beautiful crystal structure I ever in my life imagined. The brilliant rays of the sun caught the facets of crystal and sprinkled rainbows in every direction. Inside, there were people, lots of people...all small, all busy. My mouth



open in awe. Where were we? Then, all of a sudden, I saw it! A small sign in front of the crystal building that said, "Santa and Ms. Claus, North Pole."

Bow and Wow tugged at my sleeve and led me to the huge crystal door that swung open at our approach. Two small persons, one with a white beard, welcomed us. "We've been expecting you," he said. "My name is Nevets, and this is my sister, Nerak. We are the doorkeepers for Santa's workshop."

I walked inside, too confused to speak. The big room was filled with all sorts of

toys in various stages of construction. The aroma of cookies and hot chocolate filled the air, and the voices of the elves — for that is what they are — filled the room. Some argued, some chatted, most sang.

"Isn't this wonderful?" asked Bow.

"Yes, it certainly is," I responded, not in the least surprised that he was talking. Wow was speaking to another elf across the room, and, suddenly, they both looked at me. Nevets and Nerak led me to Wow and her friend, whose name was Nerrad.

"I suppose you can talk, too," I said to Wow. Nodding, she said, "Yes, I can...at least, here I can talk. This is Nerrad, and he can take you into Santa's office, if you like."

"If I like! Of course I like! This is why I'm here, Wow, as you very well know," I responded, rather sharply, I'm afraid.



Nerrad led us into a long crystal corridor, its ceiling dripping with Christmas tree ornaments in a million different colors and sizes. It was a beautiful place, and I wished the walk would continue for a long time so that I could admire each and every bauble.

Unfortunately, it was a short walk and, after introducing us to another elf named Nahtanoj, Nerrad left us. Nahtanoj was an older elf and very quiet, even somewhat grumpy, but he took us into the room willingly enough, particularly after he saw that I was with Bow and Wow.

"You now stand at the threshold of the living quarters of Santa and Ms. Claus," Nahtanoj announced solemnly. "I will talk to their guardians and see if you may enter now."

He walked to still another door, this one made of a beautiful red-colored wood, and knocked gently. The door opened quickly, and a small elf with a head full of curls thrust her face into Nahtanoj's and said, "Well, Nahtanoj, what do you want now? It's still a few weeks until Christmas, and you know you cannot see the toys yet."

"Look, Annait, I don't want to see the toys now. It's just that this crazy woman and Bow and Wow — you know them — have come to do something here — interview Santa, is what Nerak said."

"Ohhh," said Annait, craning her head to see who was standing behind Nahtanoj. "Stay here, I'll send Nadnerb to see if Santa has a moment."

"I'll need more than a moment," I called

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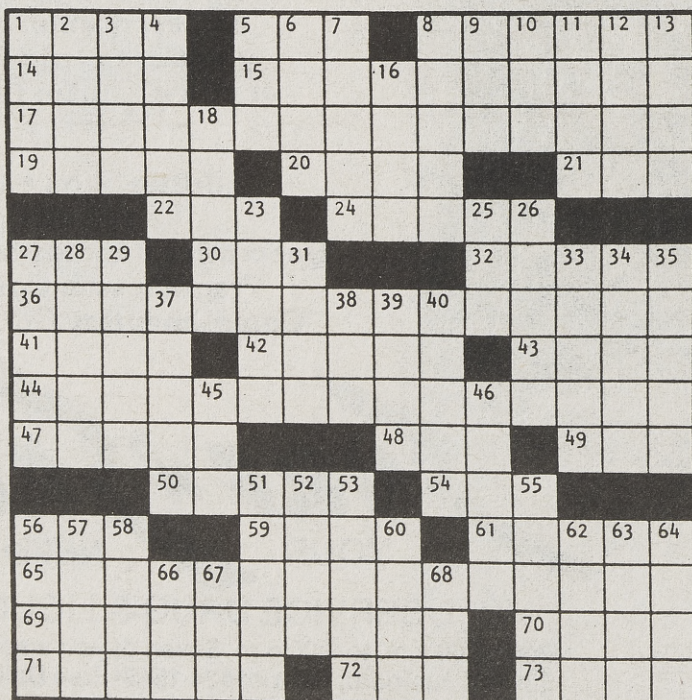
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Two years ago, the initial drive collected 15,000 cans. Last year, the total was

more than 50,000. It meant, among other things, that the Salvation Army was able to distribute 850 Christmas baskets to hungry families.

A Christmas CanTree week has been set for Dec. 5-12, during which a maximum effort will be made to collect canned food in the area from Marina to Carmel Valley. The effort will be climaxed on Saturday, December 12, when a "tree" will be constructed of donated cans at Custom House Plaza in Monterey. The event will also

feature music and entertainment.

After the tree has stood a few hours, it will be disassembled, and the cans taken by the Salvation Army to its storage center.

Cash donations are equally welcome, and all monies received will go to buy food. Checks may be made out either to the Carmel Board of Realtors or to the Monterey Peninsula Board of Realtors, and marked, "CanTree donation."

Collection stations for Carmel Valley are: Murphy's Lumber, and Carmel Valley Texaco, in the Village, Farm Center, Porter-Marquard Realty, Monterey Savings, Rancho Canada Golf Shop, and Brinton's.

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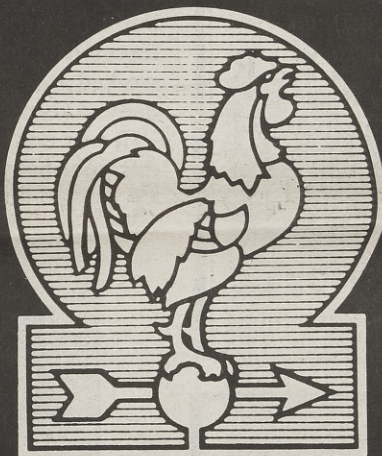


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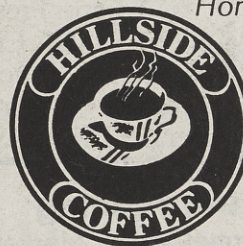
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Christmas for Cabo San Lucas

Gabrielle Esperanza Takes Food, Clothing, to Poor, Needy

By Grace Darcy

Gabrielle Esperanza has no material wealth, and is thus an entirely free woman. She possesses only what she carries with her, and she likes it that way. Her freedom from materiality gives her freedom to help others...unconditionally. She comes and goes as she pleases, and what pleases her most is being able to help those in need.

Recently, Gabrielle saw the excruciating poverty that exists on the outskirts of one of the most desirable tourist areas in the Western Hemisphere — Cabo San Lucas. She is doing something about it. She gathered food and clothing, blankets and toiletries, from local churches and businesses, collected bus fare and food money from interested Valley residents, and took her gifts to Cabo...by bus. Gabrielle has shared some of her thoughts and feelings with the *Sun*, and, in turn, we share them with you.

Cabo San Lucas is a thousand miles south of Tijuana; a tedious, 26 hour bus ride. Gabrielle arrived there on October 4 with six large boxes of clothing and some blankets. She arrived just as Cabo was drying out after a heavy rain storm.

"Most of the town was without water, and the roads were muddy and torn up," she said. "The hotel I had planned to stay in was without water, so I went to a more expensive one in the middle of town."

The next day, a friend, co-incidentally named Gabriel (two angels?), took her to

the community where the poor were living in corrugated boxes.

"There were about 700 people," Gabrielle recalled. "There is no electricity, no indoor plumbing, no water. All water is brought in by truck a couple of times a week. One truck carries drinking water, and the other carries water for washing."

There is no garbage removal, so garbage is strewn everywhere. Even in this dismal environment, Gabrielle reports, there seems to be different levels of poverty.

"Some of the people are able to keep neat little huts while others live in total filth," she said. "They come here from different parts of Mexico, and they work for rich Americans as housekeepers, or they work as waiters or bus persons in the hotels, or in construction. The average wage is \$4 per day."

All of the women have children, and it is not uncommon to see women with six or seven children. Often, there is no husband/father, but just as often, when there is a husband, he spends the money they have on drinking. Despite the squalor and despair, Gabrielle is optimistic.

"Some of the families are working toward a better way of life," she said, "and that's encouraging."

After Gabrielle and Gabriel distributed the clothes she brought from Carmel Valley, they journeyed through the village.

"I found five children alone in a hut," she



Gabrielle Esperanza

said. "One of the little boys, whose name was Gumie, had bites all over his body. All were naked and dirty. I found a baby girl, about a year old, in a bucket of water and the bucket was full up to her neck. When I took her out of the bucket, I found a big, open sore on her bottom."

The hut was filthy and there were flies everywhere. Human waste decorated the ground outside the hut. There was no food. Gabrielle sent Gabriel to the store for milk, cereal, and cookies...all that there was at the little store. They fed the youngsters and gave them baths in water borrowed from neighbors. A neighbor reported that the mother of these children worked and the baby was put in the bucket daily to keep her from crawling around.

"It was odd to me that they did not help this poor baby," Gabrielle said, "but they are used to this way of life and it seems a

matter of each taking care of its own."

Gabrielle and Gabriel stayed at the hut until the children's "grandmother" arrived. Since the grandmother was about thirty years old, some of the children were hers; others her daughter's. The daughter was about fifteen years old.

"They were very thankful for the help," Gabrielle said. "We told her not to put the baby in the bucket anymore and said we would be back in the morning to take Gumie and Joanna, a daughter, to the clinic. The next morning, Gabriel and another friend went to the hut to pick up the children, but the father and mother had taken them to the clinic themselves, so I guess we gave them a push."

That same day, they took a boy named Rubin to the clinic. Rubin suffered from malnutrition and a bronchial and intestinal infection. His mother went with them.

"Rubin was very thin, and if we had not come along, I wonder if he would have made it," Gabrielle said. "We got him the medicines — four different kinds — prescribed by the doctor and took them to the hut. The day before I left, I saw Rubin smile, and noticed that his appetite had improved and he was stronger."

Rubin's mother, Rosa, had six children and another is on the way. Rosa does not have a stove, but Gabrielle and Gabriel used some of the contribution money to buy her a one burner stove.

"All of Rosa's children are extremely loving, and every time we came to visit, they all ran to greet us," Gabrielle said. "This family is very much in need. The husband comes and goes, but when he is there, there are nine people in a tiny shack no bigger than a tool shed. All of the huts have dirt floors and, when it rains, everyone gets very wet."

Anna doesn't have a hut. She has a good stove so she can cook good meals for her children, and she couldn't do enough for Gabrielle. "Every time I would come, she would bring out the cot and insist I lay down and rest," Gabrielle remembered,

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Christmas For Cabo

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smiling. "It was a long, hot walk to the village, and she knew I'd be weary when I got there. She would fix a meal and, if I were resting, she would serve it to me when I woke up. I was treated like royalty in the midst of poverty."

Anna has two children: a girl, Sochi, and a boy, Gorto or Santos. She is expecting another child in December. Perhaps by then she will have a roof over her head.

The villagers' diet consist of beans and rice, tortillas, peppers, and coffee. "I didn't see too many fruits or vegetables," Gabrielle said. Everytime Gabrielle and Gabriel came to the village, they brought as much as they could carry on foot, mostly fruits and vegetables.

One day, Anna told Gabrielle about her sick grandmother. Gabrielle and Anna went to her house — "a hovel, really," said Gabrielle — and talked with the grandmother. Her "home" was deplorable — a dirt floor, no windows, filthy. "The grandmother had not been out of bed for a year and a half," Gabrielle said.

They convinced her to go to the clinic, and "the next day, we took her there in a taxi cab. It took three of us to get her in the van."

"When we got her to the clinic, I ran in and got a chair and we carried her in that way," Gabrielle remembered. "The clinic didn't have a wheel chair. The only thing we were able to get for her was some medicine for her pain. I hope we will be able to get her a wheel chair and a walker; then, too, she needs blankets, pillows, and a toilet to put by her bed. An example needs to be set in the community so that people in the neighborhood will help."

Gabrielle hopes to return to Cabo San Lucas late this month or early in January.



Woman from Cabo hut community holds gifts from Carmel Valley.

She wants to bring clothes — especially for the children — more blankets and medical supplies.

"They need sheets, pillows, towels, bathroom articles, soap, toothpaste, clothes pins, etc., and so much more." Most important to Gabrielle is that the people need to be shown how to help one another; how to store water in holding tanks; how to use and conserve water. "I hope I will have enough contributions so that, in January, I can spend money on their immediate needs like medical care, food, medicine, and building materials."

Here are a people — think of the babies — who desperately need Carmel Valley's

legendary generosity. Christmas is the season of giving...and the people of Cabo have an incredible need for the gift. Perhaps when you next see Gabrielle in her "office" (wherever she's at in the Village), you will want to share your heart and your purse with her.

New Babies

Christopher Kay, son, born to Christine and Scott Chin, November 21.

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The Monterey County Library has announced the winners in the fifth annual Bookmark Contest held recently.

Eighteen winners were chosen from 1,927 entries, in 3 categories: Ages 4-7, 8-12, 13 and above. Winners were honored in a ceremony at the Monterey County Board of Supervisors meeting, November 24, at 9:30 a.m. Book week has been sponsored since 1919 by the Children's Book Council, which supports projects and programs important to children and to those working with children and books.

Carmel Valley winners are: Age 4-7, Sierra Calloway; Age 8-12, Kyle Decker; Age 13, Bliss Simon.

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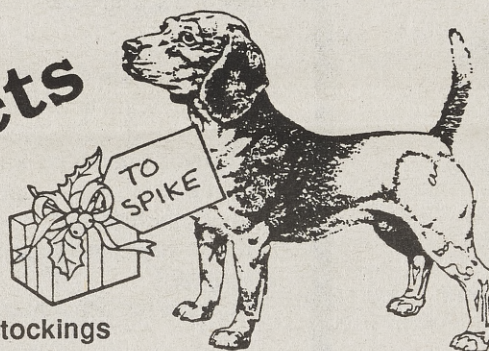


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Fire Department News



Holiday Safety Tips

During the Holiday season, our schedules are full of shopping and errands, cooking, wrapping, decorating, parties, traveling and family. However, statistics show that the holidays can prove to be a dangerous time as well.

Fire and life safety need to become second nature to us, in everything we do. That includes preparing for and celebrating the holidays.

All commercial areas are required to treat Christmas trees and holiday decorations with flame retardant to ensure safety. These helpful hints for both residents and business owners may help us all:

Fresh Trees and Decorations: A fresh tree will stay green longer and be less a fire hazard than a dry tree. To assure freshness, remember:

- a fresh tree is green
- needles are hard to pull from branches
- when bent between your fingers, fresh needles do not break
- the trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin
- when the trunk of a tree is bounced on the ground, a shower of falling needles means the tree is too dry.

Placing the Tree: Place the tree away from fireplaces, portable heaters, or other heat sources. See that it is out of the way of traffic, and that it doesn't block doorways.

Cut off about 2 inches of the trunk. Mount tree in a sturdy water holding stand with wide-spread legs. If the tree is large, fasten it to walls or ceiling with thin guy wires. Fill base holder with water, and keep it full of water as long as the tree is indoors. Remember, heated rooms dry trees out rapidly, creating fire hazards.

Artificial snow sprays can irritate lungs if inhaled. To avoid injury, read container labels and follow directions carefully.

Lights for indoor or outdoor use should have the UL label. This means they have been tested for safety. Check each set of lights, old or new, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, loose connections. Discard damaged sets or repair them before using. Check labels of outdoor lights to see that lights are weather-proof. Don't use indoor lights outside and vice-versa. Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house walls, or other firm support to protect from wind damage. Use no more than three sets of lights per single extension cord. Turn off all lights and other decorations when you go to bed or leave the house. Lights could short out and start a fire.

Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. Although safe when used according to manufacturers' directions, metallic trees can become charged with electricity from faulty lights. Then, anyone touching a branch could receive an electrical shock. Avoid this danger by using colored spotlights above or beside the tree.

Never use lighted candles on a tree or near evergreens, and always use non-flammable candle holders. Keep candles away from other decorations and wrapping paper and place them where they cannot be knocked down or blown over.

When trimming the tree, use only non-combustible or flame retardant materials. In homes with small children, avoid decorations that are sharp or breakable. Keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children as pieces could be swallowed or inhaled. Avoid trimmings that resemble candy or food.

Before lighting a fire in the fireplace or wood stove, remove all greens, boughs, papers and other decorations from fireplace area. Keep a screen before the fireplace while the fire is burning. Remove all wrapping papers from tree and fireplace areas immediately after presents are opened. Place papers in a trash can. Don't burn them in the fireplace.

In General:

- Keep matches, lighters and candles out of the reach of children • Avoid smoking near flammable decorations • Make an emergency plan to use if a fire breaks out anywhere in the house • See that each family member knows what to do • Avoid wearing loose, flowing clothes — especially long, open sleeves — near open flames of a fireplace, stove or candle lit table.

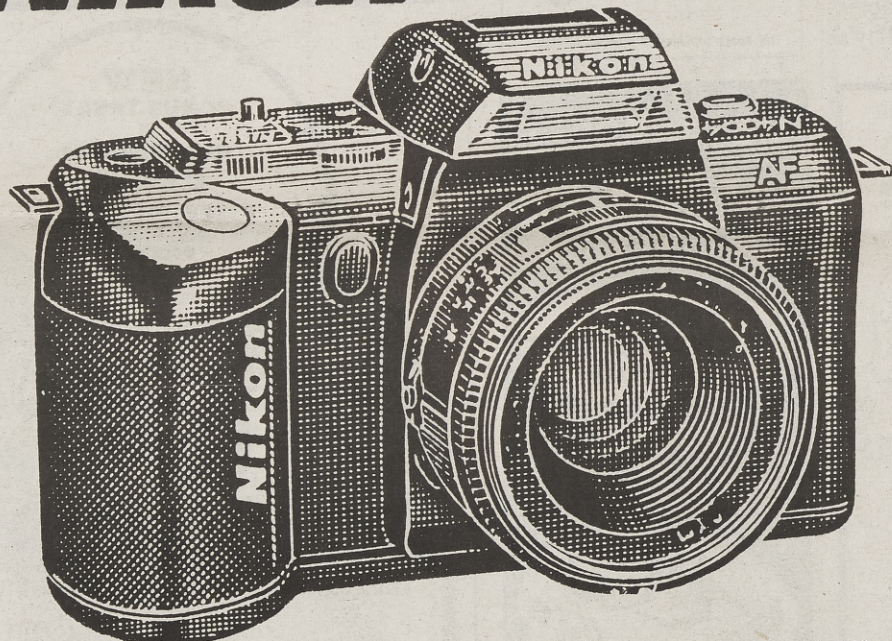
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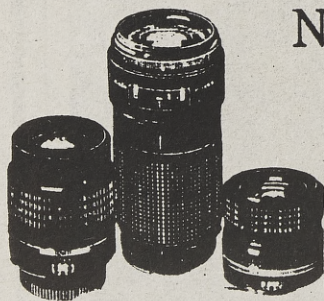
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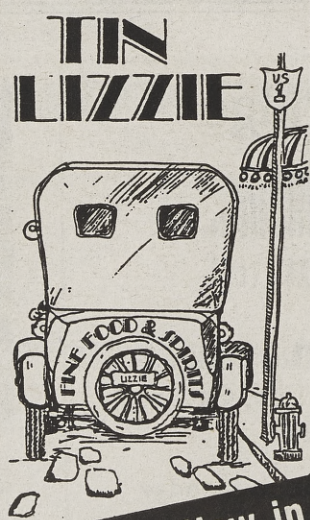
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Trip to North Pole

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after her. "You see, I'm from the Carmel Valley Sun, and..." The door already had closed behind her.

After what seemed an eternity, but was really only a few minutes, Annait returned. She ceremoniously opened the big red door and invited us in. "Nadnerb said Santa will see you," she said.

Bow, Wow, and I entered quickly, but Nahtanoj stayed behind to continue whatever he was doing before we came along.

"Come this way," Annait said softly. "Santa and Ms. C can see you for exactly five minutes. This is their busy time, you know."

The firm tone of her voice left no room for argument. I would have only five minutes with Santa and Ms. Claus. Annait led us down still another crystal corridor and to a magnificent crystal door. In front of the door were two elves, both nodding, half asleep.

"Wake up, wake up," screamed Annait. "You cannot sleep this time of year — you'll have all of next year to rest!"

Two sets of sky blue eyes opened wide as Annait reminded them of their duties. "These two sleepy heads are Nitsuj and Ennaillij, she said. "They're here to see that Santa and Ms. C are not interrupted during this busy season."

She knocked at the door in a special rhythm, obviously a signal, and almost immediately, the door opened. An elf, much taller than the others, answered. He bent down to hear what Annait whispered to him, looked at us disapprovingly, and closed the door again.

"Well," I said to Annait, "Aren't we going to go in?"

"Not yet," she said. "I just told Kram, Santa's doorkeeper, that you were here, and he has gone to announce you."



Again, time stood still. Finally, Kram opened the door and let us in. Annait said she would wait outside until we finished our interview. I say "our" because Bow and Wow refused to miss out on the fun and insisted on coming into Santa's quarters with me.

The room was exquisite. Beautiful wooden furniture tastefully arranged in a lovely crystal room. Sitting in an overstuffed chair and putting the finishing touches to a toy fire engine was Santa himself. He was wondrously round, wore a red shirt with long sleeves, and his red trousers were tucked carelessly into shiny black boots. His white hair and beard were wavy, and his Ben Franklin glasses perched precariously in the end of his ruddy nose. His cheeks were, indeed, like rosy apples, and his eyes, as blue as the sky, twinkled with happiness and, I think, a bit of mischief.

Ms. Claus, who also was round, rosy, and white-haired, came into the room carrying a tray laden with six cups of steaming hot chocolate and a dish piled high with cookies. She set them down on a table before us and, I must admit, I was proud of the way that Bow and Wow behaved. They both sat, cross-legged, on little chairs and carefully held their cups in their paws. They really were very well-mannered.

Kram took his cup and stood against a wall to drink it. Santa remained in his overstuffed chair, and Ms. Claus and I sank into the overstuffed sofa.

"What brings you here?" Santa asked in a voice that boomed throughout the room.

"I'm with the Carmel Valley Sun, and I'd like to interview you before you come to the parade on December 12," I replied.

"Ho, ho, ho," he roared. "Yes, I'll be there, but I'm flying in, you know. The reindeer are in training, and I can't wear them out by bringing them on too many trips before Christmas Eve."



"Yes, I know that," I said, putting the bright red linen napkin Ms. Claus had given me on my lap.

"What do you want to know?" he asked.

"Are you going to bring gifts to all of the children of the world?" I asked.

"No, only to the children who have been good," he replied, becoming serious. "Do you have any other questions?"

"I would like you to answer a question that is as old as time," I said. "When is a child good?"

"Oh, that is a difficult question," Ms. Claus said, adjusting her glasses, "but there are answers to it."

"I only want one answer," I insisted.

"There isn't any one answer; there are many," Santa said. "I'm going to call my elves and have them answer with me."

He clapped his hands and, within seconds, all of the elves appeared. Santa waved them silent with his hand. "When is a child good?" he asked them.

"When is a child good?" they echoed, and then fell silent as they thought about the answer.

"I know!" said Nevets. "A good child obeys its parents."

"And a good child does her/his best in school," added Nerak.

"And a child respects teachers, preachers, and others," Nerrad said, "and cares for its brothers and sisters."

"A good child takes responsibility for keeping its room neat and clean," said Annait, "and a good child helps a younger sibling keep her or his room neat, too."

"A good child is polite," said Nadnerb, "often when others are not polite to the child, which is another story that..."

"That we'll study at another time," Santa interjected, "Nitsuj, what do you think?"



"A good child helps those less fortunate than she or he is," the little guardian of Santa's door replied.

"And takes pleasure in the helping," Ennaillij interjected.

"A good child spreads love wherever it goes," said Annait, thoughtfully.

"Ah, yes, Love is the key," said Ms. Claus, pouring another cup of hot chocolate for me.

"Yes, Love has always been the key," Santa added, "and all of the other qualities you mentioned, my dear little elves, are a part of Love and could not exist without Love."

"Ohhh," squealed Annait. "I forgot an

important part of being a good child. A good child has to love itself!"

"Right!" laughed Santa. "Without Loving oneself, one is unable to love anyone, and so cannot be a good child."

"Being of service to others marks a loving child," said Bow and Wow in unison, and Santa nodded approval, and Ms. Claus passed the cookies.

"So, in summary, you need to Love in order to be good, is that it?" I asked Santa.

"Love is the Source of everything," Santa said. "Love causes good to radiate from our hearts, and it brings Peace and Understanding, Service and Caring, Wonder and Joy."

"Without Love, we would die," Ms. Claus said matter-of-factly, sitting her cup on its saucer sharply, as if emphasizing her statement.

"Is that true, Santa?" I asked.

"I bring toys each year to celebrate Christmas on Earth," he said, seriously. "Why do you think I do that?"

"I don't know; perhaps you just enjoy making children happy," I guessed.

"But don't you see, that's part of Love," he said. "All of the Earth celebrates Christmas because the feast itself celebrates Love in action, and if you don't understand that, you've missed the entire point of Christmas."

"I think I understand," I said.



"Then bring this message to your readers," he said. "Tell them that Love nourishes, saves, and redeems. It brings Joy and Peace. Tell them, please, that Love is the only answer, and that my visitation each Christmas is my way of showing Love, bringing Love and caring into the lives of children — and I hope adults, too — around the world. It is not the gifts alone that show Love; it's the planning and thought and sacrifice behind giving those gifts. Love is, well...All," he said, tapping his pipe against his boot.

"We must get back to work, dear," Ms. Claus said, picking up the tray. "We'll see you on December 12," she said, turning to me as she drifted into the kitchen.

"Good bye for now," Santa said, extending his hand. "Good-bye, good-bye," cried the elves, and Bow and Wow started to bark again. Suddenly, the room began to spin, and I was hurtling through space, around and around and around...

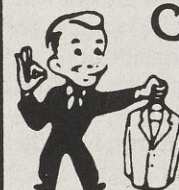
...and, suddenly, I sat up in bed, in my nightclothes, strangely out of breath. I was disappointed; it was only a dream, after all. I started to get out of bed and, as I reached for my slippers, I realized I was holding something tightly in my hand. It was a little red linen napkin that smelled like chocolate.

I smiled. I had my story!



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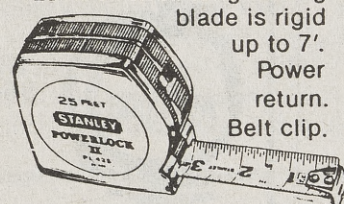
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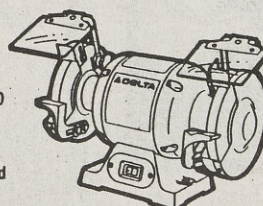
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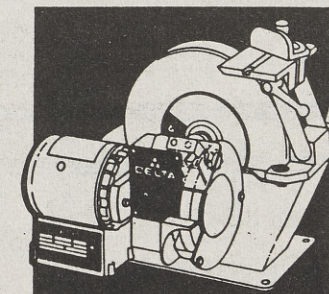
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Santa's Fly-In Scheduled

The 29th annual Santa's Fly-In will be held on Saturday, December 12.

Santa and Ms. Claus will fly into the Carmel Valley airstrip at 11 a.m. They will be greeted by many organizations and individuals from our community who will then parade through the Village. The parade will finish at the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center where lunch will be available as the children wait their turn to visit with Santa.



Holiday Stories At Library

The Carmel Valley Library invites all Carmel Valley children to hear holiday stories told by super storyteller Shelly Cullin on Wednesday, December 16 at 3:30 p.m., sharp. Come early. For information, call 659-2377.



Santa Is Calling

Santa Claus is marking his phone list this week and Carmel area children are invited to register for a call. This community program, sponsored by the Carmel Recreation Department and the Carmel Foundation, is designed for children 3 to 8 years old.

"Santa is Calling" matches a volunteer Santa or Ms. Claus with a youngster. This is a great program for both senior citizens and the children, according to Beth Kastrop, Recreation Director.

On Sunday, December 20th, between 2 and 6 p.m., Santa will call pre-registered children. Parents can register their child by completing before December 16, a brief child profile sheet available at the Recreation Department.

The Recreation Department also is looking for any extra Santas in the community who would like to spend a half hour calling children. If you would like to volunteer, or know of a child who would like to receive a call, please call 626-1255.

Reinstedt At The Thunderbird

Local author Randall A. Reinstedt will be the guest of the Thunderbird Bookstore Children's Department for a signing of his new book *Otters, Octopusses and Odd Creatures of the Deep*, on Saturday, December 12, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

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Basketball is scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and volleyball on Monday and Wednesday. Both programs offer adults a drop-in program and an opportunity to meet new players.

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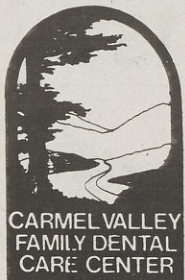
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Investment Strategies For Year-End Tax Planning

Uncle Sam has planned a gift for most taxpayers next year in the form of lower income taxes, which will drop from a top rate of 38.5 percent this year to 28 percent. Like most gifts, this one will be most appreciated by those who know how to use it best...and who plan for it now!

The basic rule of thumb remains unchanged from the past two years — accelerate your losses and deductions into 1987 to help you offset the higher tax rate, and defer income to next year's lower rate. You'll want to consult with your tax adviser on specifics for your tax return, but investment experts point to several strategies that can help many investors.

Tax Swaps. Year-end swaps in stocks or bonds can provide several benefits, especially if you have sold an investment during the tax year for a large gain. A "tax swap" involves selling a stock or bond that has lost value since it was acquired, and buying a similar (but not identical) security in its place. (Due to the IRS's "wash sale" rule, in general newly purchased securities must differ in at least two of the following characteristics: issuer, interest rate or maturity date.)

The primary benefit of a tax swap is that it creates a loss to offset a capital gain, but leaves your portfolio essentially unchanged. Not only can the loss reduce or eliminate the tax on your gains, but it also can be used to offset ordinary income up to a maximum amount of \$3,000. Any unused losses can be carried over to the next tax year.

When considering a tax swap, remember that there could be a certain cost associated with it. This cost could come in the form of a slight trade-off — a lower-rated issue, lower yield, longer maturity, or the need to put more money into your investment. However, this trade-off is a small price to pay for the opportunity to reduce taxes and more appropriately allocate your assets.

Swapping also enables you to consolidate and update your portfolio after periods of erratic markets. Thus, it is possible to swap out of certain issues or industries and

into others that you and your Financial Consultant feel are better positioned to take advantage of market opportunities and next year's lower tax brackets.

Doubling Up. An alternative to tax swapping is to double the number of shares you own of a particular stock. Then, after waiting 30 days, sell your first position. This approach, called "doubling up," allows you to realize a loss during the present tax year, while maintaining your market position.

Since most people will pay taxes at a lower rate next year, it makes sense to postpone as much income as possible until 1988, including salary, bonuses and capital gains. Two investment strategies are well suited to this task.

Short Term Investments. First, consider placing your uninvested cash and other short-term investments into vehicles that will not pay interest until after January 1, 1988. Certificates of Deposit and three-month Treasury bills that mature next year are especially suited to many investors.

Short VS. The Box. Another, more sophisticated technique, known as "selling short against the box," allows you to lock in gains on the sale of short-term (less than six months) or long-term (greater than six months) investments now, but delay recording those gains for tax purposes until next year. This is especially suited to short-term investments given the reduction in marginal tax rates. Your Financial Consultant can advise you on this strategy, but be aware that it requires you to borrow on margin against your other investments.

The investment strategies discussed in this column are only a few of the many that might benefit your personal needs. Be sure to confer with a qualified tax adviser and your Financial Consultant to maximize your tax savings this year.

Valley People

By Grace Darcy

'Tis the Season, and lights and Christmas decorations are proliferating like rabbits up and down the Valley. It's the season for giving, too, and in the spirit of giving, the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce donated \$100 to the Community Center to help with Santa's Fly In and Parade...which is bound to be as successful as it usually is...Among those participating in the Fly In is the CV Community Chapel which will have a donkey with "Mary" and "Joseph" (played respectively by KIM ADDISON and MIKE THATCHER) at the Fly In and in the parade...Last issue, the *Sun* published an appeal from the Monterey County's Sheriff's Department to bring used or lonely Teddy Bears to their Monterey office for Christmas distribution to the Women's Crisis Center in Monterey. Good News! You don't have to go all the way to Monterey — the Carmel Valley Library is collecting Teddy Bears for the Sheriff, and you can drop your Teddy Bear or other stuffed toy there.

There have been some changes at Valley Oaks Travel. CHRISTINE HALLISEY, who was born and raised in Carmel Valley and who is the niece of Valley Oaks Travel owner CAROLINE TUGEL, is the new travel consultant with the firm. CHRISTINE'S father, JOHN, is a sportswriter for *The Herald*. LYN TAYLOR, CTC, also has joined Valley Oaks Travel. She is from Toronto, Canada, and has been in this area for four years. LYN will be Assistant Manager for Valley Oaks. Last but not least, TAMMY CLINTON is doing outside sales for the travel agency. She formerly was in charge of payroll at CHOMP, and her work at Valley Oaks marks a huge shift in her life, but she loves the travel business! By the way, Valley Oaks Travel has been in business since May, 1985, and is growing like Topsy!

Looking for a fine wine at a reasonable price? Why not drop by Oak Deli and talk with owner JON KASKY. JON has found some extraordinarily good wines at modest prices and wants to share them with his customers...Look for a happy announcement coming from Carmel Valley Business Service soon...A reluctant good-bye to KMST-TV newswoman STEPHANIE WINN, a Valley resident. STEPHANIE is leaving the area for Austin, Texas, where she will "anchor" on a CBS affiliate there. Austin's gain is Carmel Valley's loss, but we wish STEPHANIE all the luck in the world...Special kudos to RANDY RANDAZZO and the other members of the Carmel Valley Kiwanis Club who served

Thanksgiving Dinner to the residents of Rippling River...RANDY chaired the event and the residents, as always, were delighted...This is an excellent example of community involvement at its highest level...Maison Val Du Soleil's new building on El Caminito is almost completed...owner GERMAINE LE STRADE is anxious to move in...rumor has it that all of the offices already have been rented.

Congratulations to BONNIE PAYNE, recently named Manager for Ms. Trim, Carmel. BONNIE will do a terrific job! Ms. Trim is owned by SANDRA WILLIAMS.

The Professional Women's Network of the Monterey Peninsula will hold its annual Vendor Showcase at The Crossroads Community Room at 7 p.m. on December 15. This is your chance to buy some excellent last minute items for Christmas giving as well as taking a few moments respite to enjoy a bit of refreshment in a comfortable setting.

Members of the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual Christmas Party at SHERI and PETER COAKLEY'S Valley Lodge on Thursday, December 17...we hear that this year's event will be the best ever...Stonepine held its annual Christmas Party for its staff last week...and businesses throughout the Peninsula are saying "thank you" to their personnel, their clients, and their patrons via Christmas greetings...In our joy to celebrate the season, let us not forget those who have little to celebrate; let us share of our goods and ourselves with those less fortunate than we are...every day of our lives let us practice Peace on Earth, Good Will to All.

Community Services Update On Cable TV

Monterey County residents are now able to read about community services and upcoming local activities on cable television. Since December 1, cable viewers have been able to tune into "The Community Bulletin Board" on local public access channels.

The Community Bulletin Board is telecast at 7 a.m., 12 noon, and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at 8 a.m. on Saturdays. Three cable companies serve Monterey County, and each has a different public access channel. Carmel Valley viewers should turn to Channel 21, Monterey Peninsula TV Cable for Salinas and the Peninsula.

The Community Bulletin Board is operated by the Monterey County Cable Television Consortium, an association of cities, colleges, and the County, dedicated to promoting public access to Cable TV. For more information, call 1-758-7369.

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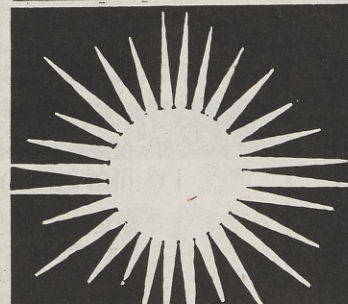
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Village Pathway

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to landscape it and extend it into areas off the Valley Road.

The Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee, as now constituted, was formed in 1979 by Lou Gardner, Lou Al-laire, Peter Coakley and Roger Williams. The group's goal has been to establish some order in the Village as far as roads, pathways, landscaping, parking, lighting and security are concerned.

At the present time, there is no clear definition of street area and safe roadside areas. The pedestrian routes that connect one business area to another are often unsafe due to sloping ground, above-ground roots and many chuck holes. Improved pedestrian facilities would increase shopping in the Village, the committee believes.

The Improvement Committee's proposal was supported by the Carmel Valley Village Master Plan Committee, Carmel Valley Property Owners Association, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, County Planning Department and the Housing Authority of Monterey County (which administers Rippling River).

The Overall Economic Development Commission originally rejected the fund-

ing request because the pathway project "did not receive a competitive ranking in relation to other projects submitted for funding." A numerical scoring system was used to evaluate each project against the adopted goals and objectives of the program. The criteria relate principally to economic development and job creation. There were 44 proposals requesting a total of \$494,000, but with only \$141,000 available for allocation.

When the grants came before the Board of Supervisors for approval, Supervisor Strasser Kauffman persuaded the board to take \$10,000 from a proposed contingency fund and allocate it to the pathway. She argued that Valley lodges and inns contribute steadily to the occupancy tax fund, but that none of this money has ever come back to the Village area for economic development.

Community Health Care Names New VP

Susan C. Freeland, formerly director of development for Hospice of the Monterey Peninsula, has been named vice president of communications and development for Central Coast Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice. Both organizations are jointly managed by Central Coast Community Health Care, Inc.

Ms. Freeland's duties will include public awareness campaigns, increasing charitable support for VNA, VNA Community Services and Hospice, and capital campaign for the new Hospice care center.

Ms. Freeland holds a Bachelor of Science degree in political science from Colorado College in Colorado Springs.

Mountain Bikes Again!

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District Board of Directors will consider a staff report recommending that the eastern portion of the Garland Ranch Park be made available for limited mountain bicycle use. The area under consideration is the 529 acre de Dampierre addition which was given to the District recently.

The Garland Ranch Park is presently closed to all mountain bicycle use as of October 19, 1987, by action taken by the Board of Directors after a six month trial period that allowed mountain bicycles in a limited area on the western portion of the Park.

The Board will consider a staff report and receive public input on this latest proposal at their next meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m., at Seaside City Hall Council Chambers.

Copies of the staff report will be available at the Garland Park office on Friday, December 11, 1987.

Mists of Avalon Author To Sign New Book At Thunderbird

Best-selling author Marion Zimmer-Bradley will be the guest of the Thunderbird Bookshop at a reception for her new book on Sunday, December 13, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Firebrand is a retelling of the story of the Trojan War from the point of view of Cassandra, royal princess of Troy.

Zimmer-Bradley was on the national best-seller list of *The New York Times* for six months with *The Mists of Avalon*.

For more information call 624-1803.

Thunderbird Hosts Authors Sidney and Norma Lee

Sidney and Norma Lee will be guests of the Thunderbird Bookshop, Saturday, December 12, from 12:30 to 2:30 at a reception for their book *100 Years of Grandmothers' Cooking*.

For more information call 624-1803.

CV Horse and Rider Win US National Championships

C.A. Khemo Sahib, an eight year old bay Arabian stallion ridden by Ray Berta and owned by David R. Bindel of Bay Creek Farm, Carmel Valley, captured the United States Top Ten and Reserve National championship in the working cow division at the United States Arabian Nationals. Over 1500 horses and riders competed in the event at the New Mexico State Fairgrounds, in Albuquerque.



Ray Berta on C.A. Khemo Sahib and David Bindel, owner, show Awards.

En route to the national championships, C.A. Khemo Sahib and Ray Berta have won over thirty blue ribbons and championships in California Arabian and open horse shows. Berta was raised in Carmel Valley on the Berta Ranch.

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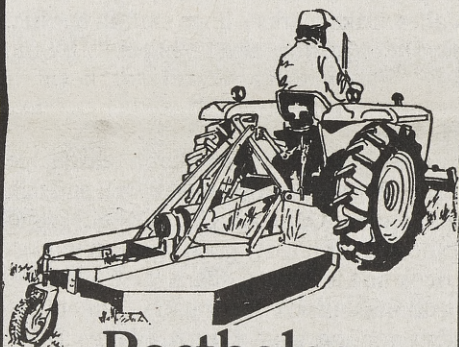
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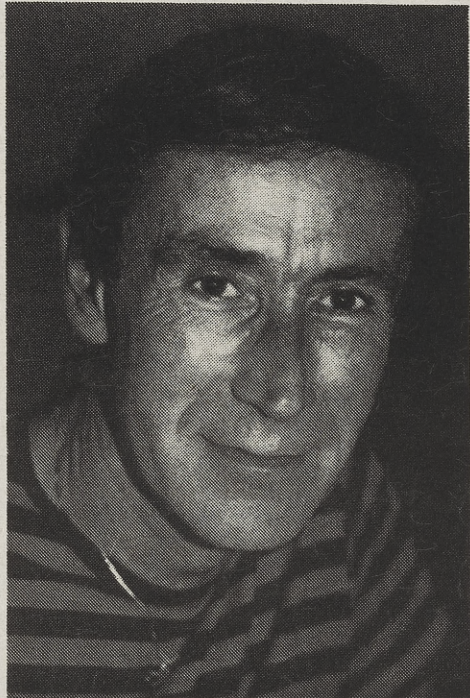
Richard Gibson

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and at the American Ballet school. He danced professionally with both the Joffrey Ballet and the San Francisco Ballet.

In 1964, he founded the Peninsula Ballet Theatre School and Company in San Mateo. Because many of the dancers he produced in his school found acceptance into major ballet companies both here and abroad, Gibson's reputation as a teacher grew rapidly. So much so that, in 1970, the government of Holland invited him to direct the Royal Conservatory in The Hague. During that same time, he also was ballet master and company teacher for the Nederlands Dans Theatre.

Gibson returned to the United States in 1974. He was engaged by the Joffrey Ballet in New York to serve as company



Richard Gibson

teacher and as principal teacher for the Joffrey school, the American Ballet Center.

1977 found him back in San Francisco where he accepted the position of company teacher with the San Francisco Ballet. During this time, he founded the Pacific Dance Center and the Pacific Dance Theatre in Palo Alto.

Richard Gibson's reputation as a Master Teacher brought him many guest teaching engagements with some of the finest companies and schools in the world, including the Eliot Feld Ballet, Harkness Ballet, Pennsylvania Ballet, North Carolina School of the Arts, Frankfurt Opera Ballet, National Ballet of Canada, Irish National Ballet, Stuttgart Ballet, Dutch National Ballet, and the BatSheva Dance Company in Israel. For the past ten years, Gibson has been invited annually to serve as the guest rehearsal director/company teacher for the Bat Dor Dance Company in Tel Aviv.

That Richard Gibson's credentials as a dancer and teacher are superb is beyond question, but what about Richard Gibson the individual? How does he see the future of ballet in America? Europe? Russia?

"Today, we've lost some of the glamor," he said, "but dance has taken great steps forward in sophistication and artistry." Gibson noted that over the past few decades, and in addition to national progress — wherein ballet now is highly admired and accepted in the United States as opposed to its previously low standing here — the "increasing smallness of the world," has affected ballet.

"The Russian companies have greatly influenced male techniques," he said. "We've also had the Danish influence. The different nationalities take from each other."

He called Rudolf Nureyev, the great Soviet dancer, "the first big influence. Eric Bruhn, who had the purest technique, was our idol, but because Nureyev was more flamboyant than Bruhn, Nureyev eclipsed him in the public's eyes."

Gibson spoke of the strong movement in the USSR "to become more contemporary. Art is a reflection of a nation's way of life, and I feel their dancing will reflect the changes that are being made there."

"There are wonderful artists in Russia and in the east," Gibson said. "They surpass our own in many ways, and I attribute this to their innocence. They do not surpass us technically."

Last year, Gibson taught in Budapest, Hungary. "We gave them American dance, and they devoured it," he said. "They are hungry for western input."

Gibson does not speak Hungarian, but the international language of ballet is French,

and so he managed. "We used expressions, sounds, and a smattering of language; believe it or not, there was excellent communication," he said, "and Communication is what eventually will bring peace."

Each nation presents its dancers in a different way. "Like people themselves, they are all different," he said. "There is a codified, international way of teaching, but when one teaches, one must stay open to the unique physical and emotional qualities that lead to true artistry."

He explained. "You can tell the Hungarians use paprika in their food because they are nationally robust," he said. "Their male dancers excel, but their women are a bit rough and need refinement. The men get away with robust; the women do not."

He talked about his annual trips to Israel. "You feel their culture," he said, "but for western tastes, their dancing is overly dramatic. They are extremely Americanized in their concepts, however, and use American choreographers primarily. When they tour the United States, they usually are directed by Americans."

To be in Israel as an artist is to come in touch with the Israeli/Jewish mentality and its love of culture. "They have five professional state subsidized dance companies that perform with the finest orchestras and in the finest theatres," he said. "Even before there was an Israel, many of our great musicians, painters, and actors were Jewish. I love working with their generous temperament; they are very contemporary-minded."

By contrast, Gibson's stint with the Irish Ballet was not a happy experience. He was invited to direct the Cork-based company. "For me, it was and is a promising company, but it needed a total reconstruction, which I did not mind doing, but before reconstruction, it needed destruction, and I did mind that," he said.

Gibson's heart went out to the Irish dancers. "They had only one small, unheated studio, and when it was cold, the temperature plummeted to 40 degrees. You can't dance in cold like that."

Gibson sees the problem in Ireland as "very much an economic situation. They'd like to do more, want to do more...and, too, they (the Irish Ballet) might not have asked for enough money."

His having to tear down a company in order to rebuild it was not the first time such a challenge confronted Gibson. "I did it in Holland," he said. "They had three companies that hired totally foreign dancers. No dancers turned out from Holland. I restructured it so that more Dutch dancers were included."

"The United States is greatly lacking by not subsidizing the arts."

In Holland, Gibson was able to hire and fire, "something which one normally cannot do in Holland." He fired 75 percent of the staff, weeded out 75 out of every 100 students. "I was the ogre of Holland, and I didn't want my career to be this way over and over again." Holland's gain was Ireland's loss. One destruct/restruct was enough for Gibson.

"Holland is a small country without a strong dance tradition," he said, "and I hired about ten people out of every 200 who wanted to dance. I made a new syllabus for them with allowances for body types and temperament." In Europe, many countries hire Russians as dancers, "but do not make allowances for body types."

Gibson — whose own body type is tall, slim, and lithe, and who has the graceful posture of the consummate dancer — noted that the western influence is changing body types, particularly in the USSR. "A good teacher trains a specific instrument, a particular body. Ballet is based on the body's ability to make a 180 degree turn out from the hip sockets. Russian training is excellent for one body type; in America, with so many different body types, we've had to adapt. The Russians are adapting, too."

Gibson went to Europe "because (1) I wanted to immerse myself in the European mentality, and (2) I wanted to work in a state subsidized situation where the school was totally uncommercial."

Like other artists, Gibson is unhappy that artists are not subsidized here. "The United States is greatly lacking by not subsidizing the arts," he said. "When you realize how large a country this is, and how very few outstanding ballet schools there are here, well, we're losing a lot of fine talent."

Who are the world's greatest dancers? "There are several outstanding dancers, but

by reason of the different aspects of their dancing," Gibson said. "Natalia Makarova is the greatest ballerina. She's like a child in her work, it's so simple. The mark of the great artist is simplicity, honesty, and economy in her/his approach to work, and Makarova is a pure, versatile artist."

For Gibson, the greatest dance actor is Marcia Haydee of Stuttgart. "I taught her quite a bit," he said. "She would not have been accepted in the great schools because her facility is bad, but she is a great artist. Marcia now directs the Stuttgart Ballet."

Gibson calls Ballanchine and Robbins "great choreographers" because of their "great technical and musical dancing," but he finds "something lacking in true theatrical artistry. They choreographed wonderful dances, but they do not touch my heart. They are abstract and so sophisticated that much of the child has been lost."

"I've always considered myself my own student."

And Mikhail Baryshnikov? "Many deride him for his management of the American Ballet Theatre, and I am distressed," Gibson said. "I do not agree with his artistic viewpoint for the company, but he, as a dancer, is absolutely at ease. His training was so great that he looks untrained. His technique totally serves the artistry of his dancing, and although many dancers are as good, Mikhail is unique."

Richard Gibson's career has been varied and full. "This was not accidental," he said. "I've always considered myself my own student. In my own school, I produced a crop of dancers who were quite unusual. I made my reputation as a teacher. I had the opportunity to teach and work with Margot Fontaine and Violet Verdi, and this was a very important part of my learning process as a teacher and artist."

What does Gibson see for Hidden Valley and the local talent he will instruct? "There's a great deal of building to do here," he said. "Performing is a great part of a dancer's training, and you cannot wait until you are a professional to perform. I'll do what is appropriate for the dancers."

Although Gibson does not foresee any "major performances" at Hidden Valley in the near future "because training comes first," he does see small school performances. There are pre-ballet classes for 5-6 year olds and 7-8 year olds, but to Gibson, "real classical ballet should not begin before nine years of age."

He cautions against thinking that one's body is inappropriate for ballet or that one's talents are too small. "Those with the worst bodies and the least talent need ballet the most," he said. "I derive as much pleasure in teaching that kind of student as I do instructing a professional dancer."

He also is enthusiastic about the adult program at Hidden Valley. "There is great satisfaction in opening up the world of ballet to adults," he said. "It helps improve posture, self-esteem, confidence. There are an elite few who become professionals, but dance training is universal."

"The art of dance is a means of sculpturing the body into line. The steps are the vocabulary we use to show the things that are hidden within," Gibson said, poetically.

He is pleased to be able to "settle down" for a while in Hidden Valley. We can expect to see some of our residents with sculptured bodies and graceful movements as they progress in Gibson's classes.

Perhaps, with Richard there to bring out the mystique, we may even see one or two of the "elite few" emerge from our Valley.

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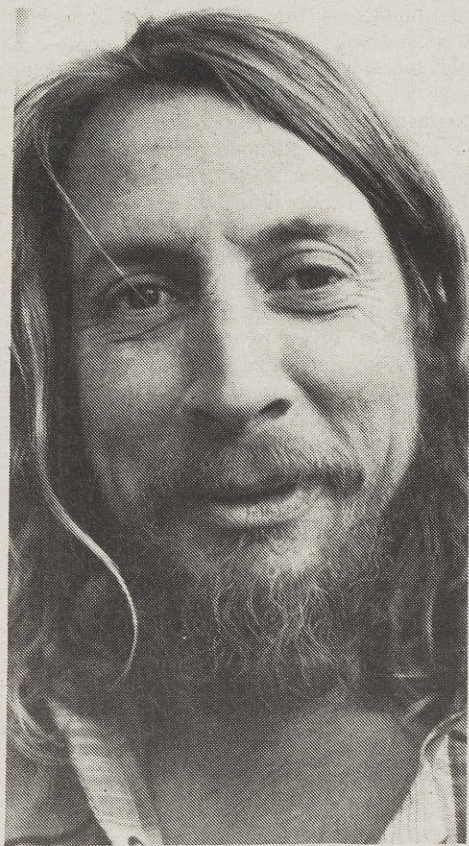
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Should we have a Performing Arts Center in Carmel Valley?



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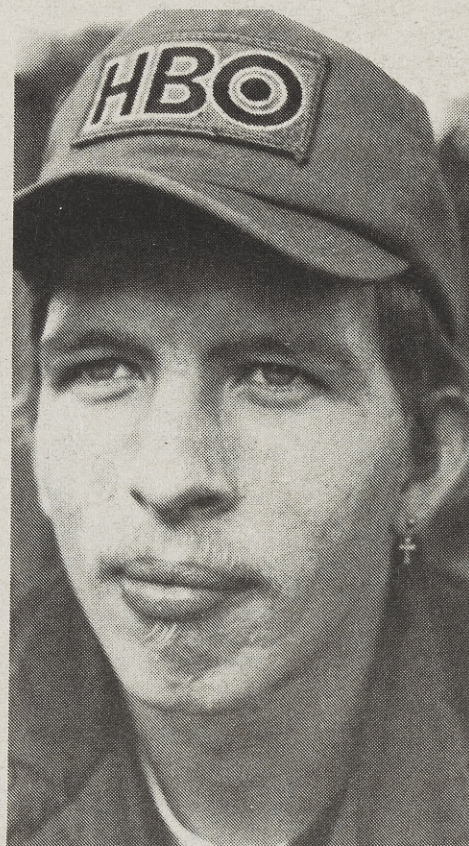
SYLVIA FOSSO,
CV Construction

We already have a performing arts center in Hidden Valley, and it should receive more community support.



ANN PARKER,
River School Custodian

Definitely! Somewhere around the Community Center would be a good place, I should think. There are a lot of talented people here, and they need an outlet.



ARRON PHILLIPS,
Robles Del Rio Lodge

Yes, I will go for one. It would be nice, and anywhere in the Valley sounds good to me. I'd like to see such a center do everything that a performing arts center is supposed to do: concerts, etc.

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Uncover, baste again and bake 15 minutes longer, or until tender.

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